BY THE KING.

¶ A Proclamation for the adjournement of part of Michaelmas Terme.

THE King our Soueraigne Lord considering the great and generall infection of the Plague which at this present is in the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and other places neere adioyning, and how perilous it might bee to His louing Subiects, if they should bee enforced to repaire thither for their suites and causes before such time as it shall please Almighty God of his goodnesse and mercy to remooue or ease that heauy visitation. His Maiestie therefore of His especiall grace and fauour to His people: and for their better safety and preseruation, is pleased to adiourne part of the Tearme of Saint *Michael* now next comming: That is to say, from the *Vtas* thereof vnto the fourth Returne of the same Tearme called *Mense Michaelis*, which His Maiestie signifieth to all and singular His louing Subiects of this His Realme, to the intent that they and euery of them which hath cause or Commandement to appeare in any of His Highnesse Courts at *Westminster*, in, or at any day or time, from and after the said *Vtas* of Saint *Michael*, may tarry at their dwellings, or where their businesse otherwise shall lye, without resorting to any of the said Courts for that cause, before the said *Mense Michaelis* next comming, and that without danger of forfeiture, penalty, or contempt to incurre towards His Highnesse in that behalfe. And neuertheless His Maiesties pleasure is, that two of His Iustices, That is to say, of either Bench one, shall the first day of *Michaelmas* Tearme next, called *Octabis Michaelis*, according to the ancient order of the Lawes, keepe the Essoines of the said *Octabis Michaelis*, at which *Vtas* of Saint *Michael*, Writs of adiournament (which His Maiestie hereby Commandeth the Lord Keeper of the Great Seale of *England* to make foorth, shall bee directed to the said Iustices, giuing them authority to adiourne the said Tearme of Saint *Michael*, (That is to say) from the *Vtas* thereof, vntill the fourth Returne, as before is said: And the said adiournament shall bee made in the first day of the said *Vtas*, commonly called the day of Essoines. And further His Maiesties pleasure is, That all Matters, Causes, and Suites depending in any of His other Courts betweene party and party, as in his Highnesse Courts of Chauncery, Star-chamber, and Exchequer, Courts of Wardes and Liueries, Dutchie of *Lancaster*, and Court of Requests shall haue continuance, and the parties shall haue day from the date of these presents, vntill the said fourth Returne as before is said. Prouided alwayes, and His Maiesties pleasure and Commandement is, That all Collectours, Receiuers, Sheriffes, and other Accomptants, and all other persons that should, or ought to accompt, or pay any summe, or summes of money in any of His Maiesties Courts of Exchequer, Courts of Wardes and Liueries, and of His Dutchie of *Lancaster*, or in any of them, or to enter into any accompt in any of the said Courts, shall repaire vnto His Maiesties House of *Richmond*, where His Highnesse hath appointed such Officers and Ministers, as for that purpose His Maiestie hath thought expedient, and there to pay and doe in euery behalfe, as though no such Proclamation of adiournement had beene had or made. And His Maiesties further pleasure and Commandement is, that all Sheriffes shall returne their Writs and Proces against all such Accomptants and Debtors, at the dayes therein appointed. And if any person, or persons, who ought to accompt, or pay any summe, or summes of money to His Maiestie in any of the Courts and places afore-said doe make default therein, that then His Highnesse Writs and Proces shall bee awarded and sent foorth against euery such person and persons, and the same to bee duly and orderly serued, and returned by the Sheriffes and Officers thereunto appointed in such like manner and forme as the same should haue beene if this present Proclamantion had not beene made. And if any Sheriffe or other Officer shall make default, or bee negligent in seruing, executing, or returning of any the Writs and Proces aforesaid, that then euery such Sheriffe and other Officer shall incurre such paines and penalties as by the said Courts, or any of them shall bee taxed and assessed, Willing and Commanding all and euery His Maiesties Sheriffes, Officers, Ministers and Subiects, to whom it doeth, or shall appertaine to obserue and keepe their assemblies and apparances with all their Returnes and Certificats in His Highnesse said Courts at *Westminster* in *Mense Michaelis* next comming, then and there to be holden and kept, and there to doe their Offices and duties in euery behalfe in like manner and forme as they should, or ought to haue done if this present Proclamation had not beene had or made, as they will answere to the contrary at their perils.

Giuen at the Court at Tichfeld *the fourth day of September, and in the first yeere of His Maiesties Reigne of* Great Britaine, France, *and* Ireland.

God saue the King.

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